from 210. However, one of the recommendations made by the Arrears Committee relates to either increasing the working hours of the High Courts by half an hour each day or the total number of working days of the High Courts by 21 days. As to which of the two alternatives should be preferred may be left to the High Courts to decide taking into consideration the views of the Bar. The recommendations of the Arrears Comm.ttee have already been commended to all the High Courts.

Proposal *to* legislate to ban political parties from exploiting religious sentiments

1292. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA ; SHM SARADA MOHANTY : SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH :

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA-KANT BHANDARE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to ban political parties from exploiting relig ous sentiments during electioneering to grab vote-banks and gain political power in the contest of Ayodhya happening on Decem ber, 6, 1992 and the aftermath thereof;

(b) if so, whit decision has been taken in the matter; and

(c) whether any legislation on the sub ject is proposed to be brought in the Parliament ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFARS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) There is no such pre posal under consideration of the Govern' ment at present.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Micro-Hydel Schemes for U.P.

1293. SHRI SOMPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have finance micro-hydel schemes for Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details of the schemes;

(c) whether these are working to their recommended capacity as given in the project/scheme; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Cantol Government have sanctioned an amount of Rs. 215.10 lakhs to Non-Conventional Energy Development Agency (NEDA), U.P. since 1989-90 for setting up of 17 nos. micro hydel schemes in hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh. The details are as per Statement attached *(see* below).

(c) The installation of only the 5 schemes at Sahastradhara, Dior, Naini, Khet, and Bilkot has so far been completed. All these schemes except those at Bilkot and Dior are reported to be working to their recommended capacity.

(d) (1) BILKOT micro hydel scheme has experenced unsatisfactory functioning of indigenously developed electronic load controller and control panel, and inadequate design of civil works resulting in adequate power generation. UP's Nodal agency NEDA has initiated remedial measures to optimise the performance.

(2) DIOR micro hydel project is also a technology development effort. Its indigenously developed cross-flow turbine and electronic load controller are mal-function-ing. R&D efforts are being made to improve the efficiency of cross-flow turbine, and reliability and performance of electronic load controller.